MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : Has any other new dispensary been sanctioned since 1928, since the Medical Officer recommended the opening of a dispensary at Puthenchira ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) Other dispensaries might have been sanctioned since 1928.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : May I know why Puthenchira alone was forgotten ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The others, that have been sanctioned or opened, were considered more urgent.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) The need for this is being pressed before Government from 1921. Still the Government do not consider this urgent ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : It is mainly a question of funds. This also will be taken up soon.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : When, may I know?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : As soon as funds permit.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : May I know whether the Medical Officer has submitted any estimate regarding the cost of opening the dispensary?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes, he says it may cost about Rs. 3,000.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : Was there any financial stringency in 1928 ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : No ; but the idea then was that these dispensaries should not be taken up piecemeal, one by one. So, this was allowed to lie over.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : How long has it been lying over ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I think provision was made for it in 1106. In 1107 there were no funds.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : No provision seems to have been made in the Budget for 1108 also ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : It is because of want of funds.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*) : But the necessity for it has been recognised long before the present financial stringency.

PRESIDENT : You must not argue like that.

Improvement of the road from 3rd mile of the Tiruvalla-Kozhenchery road to Changanachery

387. **MR. M. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to take up the work of improving the road from the 3rd mile of the Tiruvalla-Kozhenchery road to Changanachery, next year ?

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MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Filling up the vacancy of the Darbar Physician.

388. MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reason why the post of the Darbar Physician has been held in abeyance; and

(*b*) whether they propose to get the post filled up again?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Because Government placed the administration of the Department under a Board consisting of 2 officials and a non-official as an experimental measure.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): It is stated in the answer that, when the post of Durbar Physician fell vacant last time, Government placed the administration of the Department under a Board of two officials and a non-official, as an experimental measure, and that the continuance or otherwise of the Board is under consideration. May I know whether Government have come to any decision in the matter?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I may remind the member of the announcement, the Chief Secretary made the other day, that Government have decided to abolish the Board.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Who was the senior officer in the Department when the Board was created?

PRESIDENT: That question does not arise.

Promotions of the Senior Assistant Secretary to Government and the Senior District Registrar.

389. MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any grounds exist for overlooking the claims of the senior-most Assistant Secretary to Government and of the senior-most District Registrar for appointment as Secretary to Government and Director of Registration, respectively, in the permanent vacancies that occurred in the said two offices during the current Malabar year?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For the place of Secretary to Government, Government considered it necessary to appoint an officer with executive experience. Mr. T. K. Madhavan Nayar, a senior officer, was appointed as Director of Registration.

Filling the vacancy of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon in the Ophthalmic Hospital.

390. MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a vacancy in the Ophthalmic Hospital caused by Sub-Assistant Surgeon taking study leave in the month of Mithunam 1107;

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